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**BROOKLYN MAN SENTENCED TO 22 YEARS IN PRISON FOR FATAL
BROAD DAYLIGHT SHOOTING ON WHITE PLAINS ROAD
Defendant Found Guilty of Manslaughter and
Criminal Possession of Weapon After Jury Trial**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark announced today that a Brooklyn man has been sentenced to 22 years in prison for Manslaughter and seven years in prison for Criminal Possession of a Weapon for shooting a man on White Plains Road.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant shot the victim three times in the neck in broad daylight in a commercial area near a train station, killing him. The defendant then fled to California and was on the run for months. Today, he was sentenced for this senseless fatal shooting."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Jermaine Sutherland, 33, of Brooklyn, NY, was sentenced today to prison by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Timothy Lewis. The defendant was sentenced to 22 years in prison and five years of post-release supervision for first-degree Manslaughter, and seven years in prison and five years of post-release supervision for second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, to run concurrently. He was found guilty of the charges after a jury trial last month.

According to the investigation, in the morning on September 10, 2020, at the corner of 225th Street and White Plains Road, the victim, Caron Anthony Sessoms, was beaten by an individual who was not the defendant. At approximately 11:00 a.m., Sessoms, who lived nearby, returned with three friends. Sutherland, who was in the area with other people, went to a vehicle and returned with a gun. Sutherland's two other friends also displayed guns. An argument broke out between Sessoms and the group. When the argument appeared to end, the defendant approached the victim, who did not have a weapon but pretended to have one, and shot him three times in the neck. While the victim was on the ground injured, his friend ran away, then returned and fired at Sutherland and his friend, who then returned fire. Sessoms was taken to Jacobi Medical Center where he was pronounced dead. The defendant was extradited to the Bronx in December 2020.



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The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Burim Namani, Senior Homicide Counsel in the Homicide Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Nilani Ekanayake of Trial Bureau 30, under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and under the overall supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division, and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistants Janelle Rosa, Jonathan Campa Pantaleon, and Yoisy Jimenez; and Case Aides Jazmine Pagoada and Gregory Gadsden.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Patrick Jean of the 47th Precinct and NYPD Detective Patrick Flatley of Bronx Homicide.